

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 9 and 13 to 18 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A print system comprising an external operating apparatus, a host computer which communicates with said external operating apparatus, and a printer which communicates with said host computer,

wherein said external operating apparatus comprises:

reading means for reading out image data from a detachable storage medium;

a display unit which displays a print setting screen;

an operation panel which is operative to set print settings in accordance with receives a print setting instruction provided by a user based on the print setting screen displayed on said display unit;

a button operative to instruct said host computer to preview the image data read out by said reading means;

transmission means for transmitting the image data read out by said reading means, to said host computer in response to said button being operated; and

a controller which generates an interruption event for causing said host computer to effect a preview display of the image data transmitted by said transmission means, in accordance with said operation panel setting receiving the print settings setting instruction after the image data read out by said reading means is transmitted to said host computer by said transmission means so that the generated interruption event includes the

print settings set by said operation panel and is transmitted to said host computer ~~to cause~~ it to reflect a print setting corresponding to the print setting instruction received by said operation panel in the image data transmitted by said transmission means,

wherein said host computer comprises:

a receiving unit which receives the image data read out by said reading means and then transmitted by said transmission means from said storage medium;

a display control unit which receives the interruption event generated by said controller from said external operating apparatus and effects the [[a]] preview display in which the print settings included in the received interruption event are ~~setting is~~ reflected in the image data received by said receiving unit; and

a print control unit which generates print data corresponding to the print setting, wherein said printer prints the print data output from said host computer.

2. (Previously presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said controller generates the interruption event corresponding to a print start instruction.

3. (Previously presented) A system according to claim 2, wherein, in response to the reception of the interruption event corresponding to the print start instruction, said print control unit outputs to said printer the print data in which the print settings received by a plurality of interruption events received so far are reflected.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) An external operating apparatus connectable to a print system constructed by a host computer including at least a receiving unit which receives image data and an interruption event, a display control unit which effects a preview display in which a print setting is reflected in the image data received by said receiving unit, a print control unit which generates print data corresponding to the print setting and outputs the generated print data to a printer, and said printer, said apparatus comprising:

reading means for reading out image data from a detachable storage medium;

a display unit which displays a print setting screen;

an operation panel which is operative to set print settings in accordance with
~~receives~~ the print setting instruction provided by a user based on the print setting screen
displayed on said display unit;

a preview button operative to instruct said host computer to preview the image
data read out by said reading means;

transmission means for transmitting the image data read out by said reading
means, to said host computer in response to said preview button being operated; and

a controller for generating an ~~[[the]]~~ interruption event for causing said host
computer to effect a preview display of the image data transmitted by said transmission
means, in accordance with said operation panel ~~setting~~ receiving the print settings setting
instruction after the image data read out by said reading means is transmitted to said host
computer by said transmission means so that the generated interruption event includes the
print settings set by said operation panel and is transmitted to said host computer ~~to cause~~

~~it to reflect a print setting corresponding to the print setting instruction received by said operation panel in the image data transmitted by said transmission means;~~

6. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising an instructing unit which instructs a print start and wherein said controller generates the interruption event corresponding to the print start instruction.

7. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 6, wherein in response to the reception of the interruption event corresponding to the print start instruction, said print control unit outputs to said printer the print data in which the print settings received by a plurality of interruption events received so far are reflected.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus which can communicate with an external operating apparatus including reading means for reading out image data from a detachable storage medium, a display unit which displays a print setting screen, an operation panel which is operative to set print settings in accordance with receives a print setting instruction provided by a user based on the print setting screen displayed by said display unit, a preview button operative to instruct said information processing apparatus to preview the image data read out by said reading means, transmission means for transmitting the image data read out by said reading means, to said information processing apparatus in response to said preview button being operated, and a controller which generates an interruption event for

causing said information processing apparatus to effect a preview display of the image data transmitted by said transmission means, in accordance with said operation panel setting receiving the print settings setting instruction after the image data read out by said reading means is transmitted to said information processing apparatus by said transmission means so that the generated interruption event includes the print settings set by said operation panel and is transmitted to said information processing apparatus to cause it to reflect a print setting corresponding to the print setting instruction received by said operation panel in the image data transmitted by said transmission means, and a printer, said apparatus comprising:

a receiving unit which receives the image data and the interruption event transmitted from said external operating apparatus;

a display control unit which effects the [[a]] preview display in which the print settings included in the received interruption event are setting is reflected in the image data received by said receiving unit; and

a print control unit which generates print data corresponding to the print setting and outputting the generated print data to said printer.

10. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said apparatus receives the interruption event corresponding to a print start instruction from said controller.

11. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 10, wherein in response to the reception of the interruption event corresponding to the print start instruction, said print control unit outputs to said printer the print data in which the print settings received by a plurality of interruption events received so far are reflected.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A method of controlling a print system comprising an external operating apparatus, a host computer which communicates with said external operating apparatus, and a printer which communicates with said host computer,

wherein said method includes a control method for said external operating apparatus, comprising the steps of:

reading out image data from a detachable storage medium;

displaying a print setting screen on a display unit;

setting, with receiving by an operation panel, print settings in accordance

with a print setting instruction provided by the user based on the print setting screen displayed on the display unit in said displaying step;

operating a button to instruct said host computer to preview the image data read out in said reading step;

transmitting the image data read out in said reading step, to said host computer in response to said button being operated; and

generating an interruption event for causing said host computer to effect a preview display of the image data transmitted in said transmitting step, in accordance with the print settings setting instruction-being set received-in said setting receiving-step after the image data read out in said reading step is transmitted to said host computer in said transmitting step so that the generated interruption event is transmitted to said host computer-to cause it to reflect a print setting corresponding to the print setting instruction received in said receiving step in the image data transmitted in said transmitting step,

wherein said method further includes a control method for said host computer, comprising the steps of:

receiving the image data read out in said reading step and then transmitted in said transmitting step;

receiving the interruption event generated in said controlling step from said external operating apparatus and effecting the [[a]] preview display in which the print settings included in the received interruption event setting-is reflected in the image data received in said image data receiving step; and

generating print data corresponding to the print setting, and

wherein said method further includes a control method for said printer by which said printer prints printing data output from said host computer.

14. (Currently amended) A method of controlling an external operating apparatus connectable to a print system constructed by a host computer including at least a receiving unit which receives image data and an interruption event, a display control unit which effects a preview display in which a print setting is reflected in the image data received by said receiving

unit, a print control unit which generates print data corresponding to the print setting and outputs the generated print data to a printer, and said printer, said method comprising the steps of:

reading out image data from a detachable storage medium;

displaying a print setting screen on a display unit;

setting, with receiving by an operation panel, print settings in accordance with the print setting instruction provided by a user based on the print setting screen displayed on the display unit in said displaying step;

operating a button to instruct said host computer to preview the image data read out in said reading step;

transmitting the image data read out in said reading step, to said host computer in response to said button being operated; and

generating an [[the]] interruption event for causing said host computer to effect a preview display of the image data transmitted in said transmitting step, in accordance with the print settings ~~setting instruction being set received~~ in said setting receiving step after the image data read out in said reading step is transmitted to said host computer in said transmitting step so that the generated interruption event includes the print settings set in said setting step and is transmitted to said host computer ~~to cause it to reflect a print setting corresponding to the print setting instruction received in said receiving step in the image data transmitted in said transmitting step.~~

15. (Currently amended) A method of controlling an information processing apparatus which can communicate with an external operating apparatus including reading means for reading out image data from a detachable storage medium, a display unit which displays a

print setting screen, an operation panel which is operative to set print settings in accordance with receives a print setting instruction provided by a user based on the print setting screen displayed on the display unit, a preview button operative to instruct said information processing apparatus to preview the image data read out by said reading means, transmission means for transmitting the image data read out by said reading means, to said information processing apparatus in response to said preview button being operated, and a controller for generating an interruption event for causing said information processing apparatus to effect a preview display of the image data transmitted by said transmission means, in accordance with said operation panel setting receiving the print settings ~~setting instruction~~ after the image data read out by said reading means is transmitted to said information processing apparatus by said transmission means so that the generated interruption event includes the print settings set by said operation panel and is transmitted to said information processing apparatus ~~to cause it to reflect a print setting~~ corresponding to the print setting instruction received by said operation panel in the image data ~~transmitted by said transmission means~~, said method comprising the steps of:

performing by the information processing apparatus the following:

receiving the image data and the interruption event transmitted from said external operating apparatus;

effecting the ~~[[a]]~~ preview display in which the print settings included in the received interruption event are ~~setting is~~ reflected in the image data received in said receiving step; and

generating print data corresponding to the print setting and outputting the generated print data to said printer.

16. (Currently amended) A program stored on a computer-readable recording medium, for causing a computer to execute a method of controlling a print system comprising an external operating apparatus, a host computer which communicates with said external operating apparatus, and a printer which communicates with said host computer,

wherein said method includes a control method for said external operating apparatus and comprises the steps of:

reading out image data from a detachable storage medium;

displaying a print setting screen on a display unit;

setting, with receiving by an operation panel, print settings in accordance with a print setting instruction provided by a user based on the print setting screen displayed on the display unit;

operating a button to instruct said host computer to preview the image data read out in said reading step;

transmitting the image data read out in said reading step, to said host computer in response to said button being operated; and

generating an interruption event for causing said host computer to effect a preview display of the image data transmitted in said transmitting step, in accordance with the print settings ~~setting instruction being set received~~ in said setting receiving step after the image data read out in said reading step is transmitted to said host computer in said transmitting step so that the generated interruption event includes the print settings set in said setting step and is transmitted to said host computer ~~to cause it to reflect a print setting corresponding to the print setting instruction received in said receiving step in the image data transmitted in said transmitting step,~~

wherein said method further includes a control method for said host computer and comprises the steps of:

receiving the image data read out in said reading step and then transmitted in said transmitting step;

receiving the interruption event generated in said controlling step from said external operating apparatus and effecting the [[a]] preview display in which the print settings included in the received interruption event setting is reflected in the image data received in said image data receiving step; and

generating print data corresponding to the print setting, and

wherein said method further includes a control method for said printer by which said printer prints the print data output from said host computer.

17. (Currently amended) A program stored on a computer-readable recording medium, for causing a computer to execute a method of controlling an external operating apparatus connectable to a print system constructed by a host computer including at least a receiving unit which receives image data and an interruption event, a display control unit which effects a preview display in which a print setting is reflected in the image data received by said receiving unit, and a print control unit which generates print data corresponding to the print setting and outputs the generated print data to a printer, and said printer, said method comprising the steps of:

reading out image data from a detachable storage medium;

displaying a print setting screen on a display unit;

setting, with receiving by an operation panel, print settings in accordance with the

print setting instruction provided by a user based on the print setting screen displayed on the display unit in said displaying step;

operating a button to instruct said host computer to preview the image data read out in said reading step;

transmitting the image data read out in said reading step, to said host computer in response to said button being operated; and

generating the interruption event for causing said host computer to effect a preview display of the image data transmitted in said transmitting step, in accordance with the print settings setting instruction-being set received-in said setting receiving-step after the image data read out in said reading step is transmitted to said host computer in said transmitting step so that the generated interruption event includes the print settings set in said setting step and is transmitted to said host computer ~~to cause it to reflect a print setting corresponding to the print setting instruction received in said receiving step in the image data transmitted in said transmitting step.~~

18. (Currently amended) A program stored on a computer-readable medium, for causing a computer to execute a method of controlling an information processing apparatus which can communicate with an external operating apparatus including reading means for reading out image data from a detachable storage medium, a display unit which displays a print setting screen, an operation panel which is operative to set print settings in accordance with ~~receives~~ a print setting instruction provided by a user based on the print setting screen displayed on the display unit, a preview button operative to instruct said information processing apparatus to preview the image data read out by said reading means, transmission means for transmitting

the image data read out by said reading means, to said information processing apparatus in response to said preview button being operated, and a controller for generating an interruption event for causing said information processing apparatus to effect a preview display of the image data transmitted by said transmission means, in accordance with said operation panel setting receiving the print settings ~~setting instruction~~ after the image data read out by said reading means is transmitted to said information processing apparatus by said transmission means so that the generated interruption event includes the print settings set by said operation panel and is transmitted to said information processing apparatus ~~to cause it to reflect a print setting corresponding to the print setting instruction received by said operation panel in the image data transmitted by said transmission means~~, and a printer, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving the image data and the interruption event transmitted from said external operating apparatus;

effecting the [[a]] preview display in which the [[said]] print settings included in the received interruption event ~~setting~~ is reflected in the image data received in said receiving step; and

generating print data corresponding to the print setting and outputting the generated print data to said printer.